

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, September 20th, 1985
Warren E. Burger

Mr. Treasurer - - -

It is my pleasant duty to present to you Warren Earl Burger the Chief Justice of the United States of America and to request that you exercise the authority vested in you by Convocation and admit him to the degree of Doctor of Law Honoris Causa.

His career in the law began auspiciously fifty-four years ago when he was graduated from St. Paul College of Law magna cum laude. Early promise was not disappointed; successful practitioner, law teacher, Assistant Attorney General of the United States, Justice of the Federal Court of Appeals and Chief Justice of the United States, his long and distinguished career bears witness to his dedication and service to the law, the legal profession and not least to his fellow citizens and his country.

As Chief Justice he has in addition to his varied and onerous duties addressed himself to the issues of reform in court procedure and administration, legal education and the competency and ethical integrity of practitioners recognizing that a healthy and respected legal profession is one of the cornerstones of a free and democratic society.

The discharge of his heavy responsibilities as Chief Justice of the United States crowns with distinction a career which exemplifies the highest ideal of service to the profession and to the community and I request you sir to confer upon Warren Earl Burger, the degree of Doctor of Law Honoris Causa.